

CLAIMS

1. A method for treating neurodegenerative disease, comprising:  
introducing an agent to stimulate expression of a non-amyloidogenic  
5 protein.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the neurodegenerative  
disease comprises neurodegenerative diseases from the group consisting  
of Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease and Lewy body disease.  
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3. The method of claim 1, wherein the non-amyloidogenic  
protein is  $\beta$ -synuclein.

4. A method for screening treatments for neurodegenerative  
15 disease, comprising:  
stimulating oxidative stress;  
measuring aggregation of NACP/ $\alpha$ -synuclein in neuronal cells; and  
second measuring aggregation of NACP/ $\alpha$ -synuclein to test for a  
decrease in aggregation, wherein the decrease is indicative of an effective  
20 treatment.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein oxidative stress is stimulated  
by a mixture of metal-ions and hydrogen peroxide.

25 6. The method of claim 4, wherein oxidative stress is stimulated  
using an iron-catalyzed oxidative reaction.

7. The method of claim 4, wherein expression of a non-  
amyloidogenic protein modulates aggregation of NACP/ $\alpha$ -synuclein.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein the non-amyloidogenic protein is  $\beta$ -synuclein.

5 9. A method for screening treatments of neurodegenerative disease comprising evaluating agents for stimulation of expression of a non-amyloidogenic protein.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein the non-amyloidogenic protein is  $\beta$ -synuclein.

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